# AN EASY TASK.

HOW BEST TO STUDY A POREIGN LANGUAGE

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The many advantages of learning a language need search; be dwelt upon. One of the most primary up is the largely increased power that is axined over one's own speech. The mental exercise involved in searching the memory for appropriate synonymous words and phrases tends to increase the vocabulars and to give a greater case and facility of expression in the use of the mother tomage. There is besides the pleasure that is inseparable from every intellectual pursuit, and also the practical profit of being able to converse with a foreigner whom we may chance to meet either in the way of business or pleasure.

Fur all this said still leaves us with the question to answer. How may one best learn a foreign language?

There are visious of endless paradigms, of rules upon rules, with all their exception—oh, those exceptions—of dull exercise that seem never to get beyond the "book of my sister's brother's friend," or the particular individual's umbrella, or steel pen or pencil case, or such either interesting object. To wade alroysh a grammar of perhaps 150 pages, getting off by heart, if that be possible, all the conjugations, inflections, exceptions—of what is required to be done in the initiatory process of learning some foreign tongue, after which the pleasing prespect is held out that one may then begin to read semething.

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Such a system, if system it can be called, is an utterly erroneous one. Little wonder that it repels so many from taking up what is really a most interesting study. To any who contemplate doing so the advice may be given to east usife all preconceived ideas about the old methods and begin at once to read the language they are going to learn. Thoughts about the grammar and the rules should not be allowed to trouble the mind. Except to those who have had some previous grounding in a language. that is necessary in the first instance, the state of the least is necessary in the first instance, in these in hand the motto of the bear should then be to read, read.

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